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IN THE MATTER OF :

THE JOINT APPLICATION OF ORCHARD
GRASS UTILITIES INC. AND OLDHAM
COUNTY SANITATION DISTRICT FOR
APPROVAL OF THE TRANSFER OF
WASTE WATER TREATMENT FACILITIES
PURSUANT TO STOCK PURCHASE
AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE PARTIES)
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CASE NO.
2004 - 00029

**RESPONSE OF ROBERT L. MADISON TO ORCHARD GRASS UTILITIES
AND THE OLDHAM COUNTY SEWER DISTRICT 18 FEB 2004 LETTER**

ENCLOSURES :

1. MY MOST RECENT WATER AND SEWER BILL RECEIVED 17
FEB 2004.

2. OLDHAM ERA 13 FEB 2004, LETTER TO THE EDITOR FROM
OLDHAM COUNTY MAGISTRATE (OLDHAM COUNTY FISCAL COURT
MEMBER) RICK RASH.

THIS IS THE RESPONSE OF ROBERT L. MADISON TO ORCHARD GRASS
UTILITIES (OGU) AND THE OLDHAM COUNTY SEWER DISTRICT (OCSD)
(JOINT APPLICANTS) LETTER DATED 18 FEB 2004 CONCERNING MY
MONTHLY WATER USAGE AND THE IMPACT ON THE PROPOSED SEWAGE
INCREASE.

ON PAGE 3 OF THE JOINT APPLICANTS LETTER DATED 18 FEB 2004 THEY
MAKE CERTAIN STATEMENTS CONCERNING MY WATER USAGE AND THE
PERCENTAGE AND DOLLAR COST INCREASES UNDER THE NEW RATES
APPROVED BY THE OLDHAM COUNTY SEWER DISTRICT. ACCORDING TO
MY MOST RECENT BILL (ENCLOSURE 1) I AM USING 5,000 GALLONS OF
WATER PER MONTH. MY SEWAGE CHARGE UNDER THE NEW OCSD RATE
OF A FIXED MONTHLY COST OF \$ 7.67 PER MONTH PLUS A RATE OF \$ 3.20
PER 1,000 GALLONS PER MONTH EQUALS A MONTHLY CHARGE OF \$ 23.67
A PERCENTAGE INCREASE OF 28.29 %, A MONTHLY INCREASE OF \$ 5.22
AND A YEARLY INCREASE OF \$ 62.64. THE CALCULATION IS AS FOLLOWS :

$$\$ 7.67 + (\$ 3.20 * 5) = \$ 23.67$$

$$\$ 23.67 / \$ 18.45 = 28.29 \%$$

$$\$ 23.67 - \$ 18.45 = \$ 5.22$$

$$\$ 5.22 * 12 = \$ 62.44$$

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I AM BUT ONE OF OF 1045 RESIDENTIAL CUSTOMERS OF ORCHARD GRASS (710 CUSTOMERS, JOINT APPLICATION PAGE 4) AND WILLOW CREEK UTILITIES (335 CUSTOMERS, JOINT APPLICATION PAGE 4). MY HOUSEHOLD CONSISTS OF TWO PEOPLE.

BASED ON FIGURES IN A 13 FEB 2004 OLDHAM ERA (AN OLDHAM COUNTY NEWSPAPER) LETTER TO THE EDITOR FROM OLDHAM COUNTY MAGISTRATE RICK RASH (MADISON ENCLOSURE 2), AN AVERAGE MONTHLY WATER USAGE FOR AN OLDHAM COUNTY RESIDENTIAL CUSTOMER CAN BE DETERMINED TO BE 6.5275 THOUSAND GALLONS PER MONTH. THEREFORE, A WILLOW CREEK CUSTOMER USING AN AVERAGE AMOUNT OF WATER WILL HAVE SEWAGE COSTS GO FROM THE CURRENT \$18.45 A MONTH TO \$ 28.55 PER MONTH, A 54.78 % INCREASE, A MONTHLY INCREASE OF \$ 10.40, A YEARLY INCREASE OF \$ 124.80. THE CALCULATIONS ARE AS FOLLOWS :

$$\$ 7.67 + (\$ 3.20 * 6.5275) = \$ 28.55$$

$$\$ 28.55 / \$ 18.45 = 54.78 \%$$

$$\$ 28.85 - \$ 18.45 = \$ 10.40$$

$$\$ 10.40 * 12 = \$ 124.80$$

I CERTIFY THAT ON 21 FEB 2004, COPIES OF THIS LETTER AND ENCLOSURES WERE MAILED REGULAR MAIL TO :

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SINCERELY,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Robert L. Madison". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, prominent "R" at the beginning.

ROBERT L. MADISON
5407 BAYWOOD DRIVE
LOUISVILLE KY 40241-1318
HOME PHONE: (502) 241-5079



Louisville Water Company
 5407 Third Street
 Louisville, KY 40202-1839

Account # 0589726-9

Service Address 5407 BAYWOOD DR

Amount Due by March 05	Amount Due after March 05
\$65.75	\$67.19

To avoid late charges

- Mail payment at least seven business days prior to the due date.
- Pay at any Fifth Third Bank at least five business days prior to the due date.

AMOUNT PAID

ROBERT LEE MADISON
 5407 BAYWOOD DR
 LOUISVILLE KY 40241-1318

LOUISVILLE WATER COMPANY
 PO BOX 32460
 LOUISVILLE KY 40232-2460

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Return top portion with payment

WATER STATEMENT

Louisville Water Company (502) 583-6610

Service from 12/09 to 02/10 = 63 days of usage

Meter # 27669566	Reading from 1285 to 1295	=10	x 1,000 Gallons
	Total Water Usage	=10,000	Gallons

Item	Amount
Current Water	\$28.85
TOTAL WATER CHARGES	\$28.85

SEWER STATEMENT

Willow Creek 452-6205

Service from 12/09 to 02/10 = 63 days of usage

Item	Amount
Current Sewer	\$36.90
TOTAL SEWER CHARGES	\$36.90

Account Number: 0589726-9

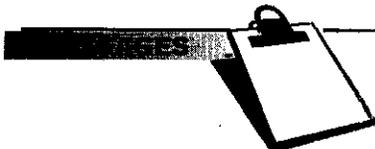
Service Address: 5407 BAYWOOD DR

Last payment of \$60.76 on 01/02/2004

Item	Amount
Total Current Charges	\$65.75
Previous Balance	\$.00
TOTAL STATEMENT CHARGES	
DUE BY 03/05/2004	\$65.75
DUE AFTER 03/05/2004	\$67.19

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Friday, February 13, 2004



Opinion: Letters to the editor

Here's what you had to say.

Thanks from the American Red Cross

To the editor,

I would like to extend my deepest gratitude to the people of Oldham County for their support of the American Red Cross blood program.

We collected an amazing 59 pints of blood at the Oldham County YMCA Jan. 5. Without the support of our donors we would not be able to fulfill our mission of saving lives.

When someone donates a pint of blood they could possibly be saving three lives. A pint of blood is separated into three components -- red blood cells, platelets and plasma. Each component could possibly go to three different people. The generous people that gave a little of their time and a pint of their blood could potentially have saved 177 lives.

Unfortunately, we cannot stop there; blood is only good for 42 days, so the need is ongoing. A pint of blood can be donated every 56 days.

I want to extend a special "thank you" to Bob Keene and the Oldham County YMCA for allowing us to collect blood at their facility. I would also like to thank the wonderful American Red Cross volunteers, especially Mary Anne Tenfelde, for giving of their time to make sure the donors are fed and entertained with wonderful conversation. Thank you!

Please continue to support the American Red Cross Blood Program and remember, "Every pint does make a difference." The next drive at the Oldham County YMCA will be 2 to 7 p.m. March 1.

Ruth Hans

American Red Cross

Donor Recruitment Representative

Stop importing animals

To the editor:

Where did horses come from? Not the United States. But horses don't hurt anything. Some animals and insects being brought over from a different country are good, not all though. Most that are brought over are harming our environment and also our

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trees.

We need to stop people from bringing animals and insects from other countries into ours.

A beetle not even larger than two inches is eating away at our ash trees. I don't know why you would bring such an animal to our country.

Animals that are brought here also do not have their own habitats that they're used to. In trying to find or create their own habitat, they could take away a native animal's habitat.

Like these beetles for instance, they're killing off the oak trees where many of our native birds make their homes at.

The beetles that have been brought over are killing off our ash trees. These are important to our economy and businesses because we use them to make furniture and other things.

One of the companies that would really be affected by this would be Louisville Slugger, because it makes more than half of its baseball bats out of ash trees.

If we allow more animals to be brought into the states, then they may harm something. They could even take something away that we need and use in everyday life.

It's already illegal to bring animals over into the states, but if this keeps happening then we need to check better for this.

This can't continue to happen! We need to stop this now while we can so it doesn't get out of hand. The only way they should let in another animal from other country is if it can help the United States in some way.

Dean Kiekhefer

Crestwood

The best we could do at the time

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To the editor:

The letter from Sonja Lowery concerning the rates for the Oldham County Sewer District is wrong in its premise and in its conclusion. The sewer district came to fiscal court with three rates -- not one.

One rate was a fixed rate of \$28.91 a month regardless of consumption.

The second was \$23.20 a month and 86 cents per thousand gallons of water consumed.

The third rate was \$7.67 a month and \$3.20 per thousand. All three rates generated \$1.4 million.

Under the second rate, a senior citizen using 2,000 gallons would pay about \$24.92 a month versus \$14.07 under the rate adopted. A home in Oldham County using 6,000 gallons, which is about average, would be \$28.36 under the second rate and \$28.87 under the rate adopted. A home using 10,000 gallons would be \$31.80 under the second rate and \$39.67 under the rate adopted. Anyone who does not like their bill has the ability to lower it through less usage. The district is getting 300 new customers a year generating another \$104,000 in revenue. It has also received \$300,000 year-to-date in tap-on fees.

The rate approved will pay all expenses with an additional \$250,000 for repairs and maintenance each year. Add to that the revenue for new customers and tap-on fees, and I think most people would agree that the sewer district is in great financial condition. Later this spring, it will finalize its acquisition of the Orchard Grass and

Willow Creek plants. The district chairman tells me that district's CPA firm recommended a rate of \$7 a month and \$3 per thousand when that occurs. This is a rate I heartily endorse.

Large plants have lower variable costs than small plants. The Metropolitan Sewer District treats over 140 million gallons a day. Oldham County Sewer District treats 1 million gallons with 11 plants. According to its Web site, MSD had a fixed cost of \$6.59 a month and \$1.81 per thousand in variable costs.

Oldham County Fiscal Court approved the third rate 9-0. It was endorsed by The Oldham Era. It was the best we could do at the time. We will continue to support the OCSD and the environment.

Rick Rash

7th District magistrate

Sheriff not to blame for tax bill

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To the editor:

I recently was at the Oldham County Sheriff's Office paying my second property tax increase notice. While there, I heard people blaming Sheriff Sparrow with abusive language for the tax increases.

Please let me, on behalf of Sheriff Sparrow, defend him on his duties and responsibilities. Sheriff Sparrow has done an excellent job of improving and running the Oldham County Sheriff's Department. We couldn't have a finer qualified person serving us. The sheriff's department does not impose property tax increases on the people's property. His sole duty on taxes by law is to collect taxes for the various agencies, such as the county, school board, etc.

In my opinion, the ones to blame for all our high property tax increases are Blake Haselton, the school board, county attorney and the county clerk. Just to remind the registered voters and taxpayers, signature on the school tax recall petition were invalidated because of a technicality. This decision by the county clerk stopped the tax increase from being put on a special election ballot for the people to vote yes or no to the tax increase. People of Oldham County, please remember this -- about 64 percent of our tax bill went to the board of education and our schools.

Does anyone ever remember taxes being reduced after school debts are paid off? I don't. These constant tax increases are beginning to truly hurt seniors, retired people, low-income people and medically handicapped people.

Carl Sayer

La Grange

Thanks for the street signs

To the editor:

I would like to thank Joe McAloon, son of John and Marilyn McAloon of Suwanee Drive, for the new handmade street signs in Echo Valley.

Joe is a member of Boy Scout Troop 144 that meets at Mt. Tabor Methodist Church. Joe was working on his merit badge and the signs were his project to earn his badge.

The signs look great and thanks again, Joe, for a job well done!

Bill Tucker

6th District magistrate

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